

November 20, 2003

To: David Cowardin, Hearing Officer

From: Matilda Larson, Regional Planning Assistant II

Reviewed by: Kerwin Chih, Supervising Regional Planner

**SUBJECT: CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 02-298-(5)
NORTH SIDEWALK OF POE PARKWAY, ±700' NW OF THOREAU WAY
AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 02-299-(5)
EAST SIDEWALK OF HEMINGWAY AVENUE, 80' N OF FAULKNER DRIVE**

Conditional Use Permit Nos. 02-298-(5) and 02-299-(5) request authorization to construct, operate and maintain an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility in a public right-of-way. Each facility will consist of two 4'3" long panel antennas mounted flush to a new streetlight that will replace an existing streetlight, and 3 associated equipment cabinets that will be located on the sidewalk at grade level. CUP 02-298 will be located on the north sidewalk of Poe Parkway, ±700' Northwest of Thoreau Way, and CUP 02-299 will be located on the east side of Hemingway Avenue, 80' north of the centerline of Faulkner Drive. Both lease areas are located in Stevenson Ranch, in the Newhall Zoned District.

This case was originally heard on August 19, 2003, and continued to a date uncertain as the applicant CUP 02-298 was incorrectly noticed, and CUP 02-299's location and design was considered visually obtrusive to the surrounding neighborhood. After meeting with the Stevenson Ranch Town Council on October 10, 2003, the applicant filed for alternate locations, and redesigned the facility without a radome extending above the luminaire. CUP 02-298 will be 1,500' southeast of its original location, and CUP 02-299 will be 122' southwest of its original location.

Staff received 2 telephone calls after the requested use was properly noticed. On November 3, 2003, a nearby resident called to inquire if any noise would be emitted from the cabinets. The applicant informed staff that the only noise generated from the site would be a cooling fan in the BTS cabinet, which would be comparable to a fan found in a computer hard drive. On November 19, 2003, a resident inquired if the wireless facilities would interfere with pacemakers. The applicant informed staff that each panel will emit 2.5 watts, and cell phones operating under 3 watts have not been shown to adversely affect pacemakers. This caller also suggested that vegetation be planted around the cabinets in order to minimize their appearance. No opposition was received by staff.

The applicant has been very responsive to community concerns. Both wireless facilities were redesigned in order to minimize their visual impact to neighboring residents. Staff recommends approval of Conditional Use Permit Nos. 02-298-(5) and 02-299-(5).

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